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Surplus Box Cars Put Back in Circulation

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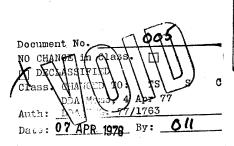
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SUPPLEMENT

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1. Since about 15 November 1946, the various RBD's (Reichsbahndirektionen) have begun to put all bex cars on sidings back in circulation. The orders have included the covered freight cars used as living quarters for train crews taking booty trains through Poland under the railroad brigade system. At the beginning, the Soviet authorities intended to use again the special emergency cars, which are constantly held in readiness in case of accidents. This request was dropped. However, other covered freight cars, for example, those used as temporary living quarters for track repair crews, have been

- 2. Ordinary passenger coaches had to be substituted in a number of RED's for the covered freight cars formerly used by the railroad brigades and now released. As a result, fourteen passenger trains in the RED of Cottbus and twenty-eight in the RED of infurt have been cancelled. The Berlin Central Office has refused to issue directives ordering the cancellation of such trains and has left it to the individual RED's to cancel passenger trains if and when necessary.
- 36 The official Soviet explanation for the request for the box cars has been, at least to the RBD Cottbus, the necessity of providing covered freight cars for sugar exports to the western zones.



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